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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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TAGS: PFOR, GB, KS

SUBJ: SOUTH KOREAN-GABONESE RELATIONS

REF: LIBREVILLE 0164 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR TEAK KEUN LEE ACCREDITED TO BANGUI, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS SENIOR KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN AFRICA, CAME TO LIBREVILLE ON INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE INTERNAL PROBLEM INVOLVING KOREAN EMBASSY HERE MARCH 25-30. PROBLEM SATISFACTORILY SETTLED AND LEE TOOK OCCASION TO PROMISE GABONESE THAT RESIDENT KOREAN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE SENT TO LIBREVILLE IN COMING MONTHS. GABONESE REACTED FAVORABLY AND VERY PLEASED AT PROMISE OF RESIDENT KOREAN AMBASSADOR.

2. WHILE AVOIDING ANY INVOLVED DISCUSSION POLITICAL ISSUES, LEE MADE CLEAR TO GABONESE KOREAN GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT SOUTH KOREA RECOGNIZES THAT NON-ALIGNED NATIONS WISH TO PRESERVE NEUTRAL POSITION AND HAS NO OBJECTION TO SIMULTANEOUS RECOGNITION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. LEE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS VERY NON-ALIGNED PRINCIPLE SHOULD LOGICALLY LEAD SUCH NATIONS TO KEEP
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KOREAN DEBATE OUT OF UN AND LEAVE IT TO TWO KOREAS TO

SETTLE PROBLEM BETWEEN THEMSELVES. (NOTE: THIS HAS SO
FAR ALSO BEEN GABONESE POSITION.)
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